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SIR,

IT is in the Name of the *Forreign Churches*, both *French* and *Dutch*, who live under Your Majesties Royal Government, that this Day we have the Honour to appear in Your Presence, to render unto Your Majesty our humblest Submissions, and deepest Respects; and to Present you not Thoughts curiously upon, choice Words, or an artificial composed Speech, but Hearts burning with Zeal, fervently devoted to Your Majesties Service; and Souls breathing nothing else but Thankfulness, Obedience, and Fidelity. NO, SIR,

this Speech is not a Speech of Art, but of Nature. It is out of the abundance of the heart, that our mouths do make this humble Acknowledgment to Your Majesty of all the Favours we have formerly received from Your Royal Goodness; and in a more especial manner, to render unto Your Majesty with all the sincerity of our hearts, our most humble Thanks for this last great Favour which You were pleased to add to the former, in following the Example of God, who doth not only take into his protection all Mankind, but more particularly all true Believers: And according to St. *Paul's* Exhortation, who adviseth us *to do good to all men, but especially to those who are of the houshold of faith.* Your Majesty, by Your Declaration, published not long since, taking under Your Royal Protection all the Strangers living in Your Dominions, and willing to come into them for shelter, doth declare a most kind and special care toward those amongst them, who have that advantage, and are so happy as to be joined and united with Your Majesty in the same Bond of Faith and Religion.

Mat. 12. 34.

1 Tim 4. 10.

Gal. 6. 10.

SIR, by that Clause inserted in Your Declaration in favour of all Forreigners in General, Your Majesty does most advantageously shew at once Your Humanity, Prudence, and Generosity, [illegible] essing in this, according to its usual practice, the Cha[illegible] truly Royal disposition, whose purpose it is to do good [illegible] men and to do hurt to none: And so You may with right [illegible] upon [illegible] Title of *Benefactor*, which is given to Kings in the Gos[illegible] in a more particular manner belonging unto Your Majesty. And in that also, SIR, You shew Your Self to be the true Son, and worthy Successor of the late King Your Father, of glorious and immortal Memory, who caused this excellent Motto to be engraven on a Medal, *Præsum ut prosim, I am a King only to do good:* And in this respect it may be said of Your Majesty, what was said of that great Emperor of the last Century, *That with one hand he made War, and with the other he offered Peace.*

Luk. 22.

Carolus Quintus.

But also, because Your Majesties Goodness amongst all Strangers in General, is pleased more especially to consider those whom the purer profession of the Gospel doth force to seek here under the shadow of Your Royal Protection, the Peace and Liberty of their Consciences; You give therein a manifest proof of Your true Christian Piety, and shew that You might have, without any comparison, more right to assume, amongst Your Titles, that Motto, *Pietas Augusta, the August Piety*, than did that Emperor of Old. By it also You do Declare to all the World, that most justly, and in a most august manner, the glorious Title of *Defender of the Faith*, is Your just due, and that it is not without a direction of God's special Providence that it is fallen, as it were, amongst the Lot of Your Inheritance.

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By this means, of old *Rome* was praised and renowned for her Hospitality towards afflicted Strangers, who did resort thither from all Corners of the World, and to whom She was an *Asylum*, and a place of Refuge; and for this reason was called the *Centre of all Nations*; Your *England*, SIR, with a far more just Title enjoyes that Glory, and deserves much more to be so called, having been so happy for above an whole Age past, by the Bounty of the Kings Your Predecessors, and of Your Majesty, to be likewise an *Asylum*, and a place of shelter to many Thousands of the Faithful of several Nations, who being forced to forsake their own Country, have, as it were, found it again here with greater and more considerable advantages: Insomuch as of them, in some sort it may be said, *That they had been lost, if they had not been lost.*

By this means also, SIR, after the Example of Him, whose Image You have the Honour so particularly to bear, You draw them to Your Obedience and Service; You tye and fasten them to You with a most strict Knot; You chain and link their hearts, if I may so say, *with the cords of a man, and with bands of love*; You Rule, SIR, not only over their Bodies, but chiefly over, and in their Souls, in which You have established Your Empire and Dominion.

And hereof it is, SIR, that we now make a solemn Petition to Your Majesty, humbly beseeching You with the profoundest Humility we are capable of, to be fully assured of our entire Obedience, and stedfast and inviolate Zeal to Your Service, from which we shall never depart neither directly nor indirectly.

In this state and condition, SIR, we shall continue to pray and beseech the God of all Blessings, that it may please him to sanctifie more and more all those great Endowments, and rare and eminent Vertues with which he hath been pleased to enrich Your Majesty, and for which You are at this Day by all the World looked upon as one of the greatest Princes that ever wore a Crown, being thus by God made a powerful Instrument in his hand for the accomplishment of his work. We shall continue fervently to pray and beseech him, *who giveth salvation unto Kings, and delivereth them from the hurtful Sword*; who hath already wrought so many Wonders in Your Majesties behalf; and who after many fiery Trials to prepare and frame You for his work, *having shewed You great and sore troubles, hath quickened You, and brought You again from the depths of the Earth*; who having suffered Your Majesty to be as it were, for a time trodden upon by Dragons, and covered with the shadow of Death, hath at last bruised in pieces, and trodden down those Dragons under his feet, causing their outragious devices to return on their own guilty heads, shewing himself to be the God of Your Salvation.

Psal. 144. 10.

Psal. 71. 20.

To him, I ſay, we ſhall daily pray, that he will be pleaſed to take more and more Your SaCRed Perſon in his Cuſtody and Protection, delivering You from all hurtful Accidents whatſoever: To keep You as the Apple of his Eye, to cover You under the ſhadow of his Wings: To have You alwayes graven as upon the palms of his hands: To ſet You as a Seal upon his heart, as a Seal upon his arm: To encamp round about Your Majeſty the Army of his holy Angels: To be Your Van and Your Rear: To be Your Buckler, and an impenetrable Shield of Defence againſt all Attempts and Enterpriſes. Not to leave You, nor to forſake You, till You are Grey-headed, and that You may abide before him for ever: That his Truth and Mercy may preſerve You: That it may be to You a Shield and a Buckler: That he will pour down abundantly on Your Majeſties Head the choiceſt of his Bleſſings both of Heavens and Earth: That he make Your Majeſties Diadem flouriſh on Your Brows, and Your golden Crown on Your Head: That he ſatisfie Your Majeſty with long life: That he continue to ſhew You his deliverance: That he in a full happineſs add dayes unto the dayes of Your Majeſties, and make Your Years to be as many Generations: That he pour his bleſſing upon Your Royal Bed, that he make it green and flouriſhing, that the Queen Royal Conſort be as a fruitful Vine. To be ſhort, that he ...ed to give unto Your Majeſty a long and happy Life, a ...ire, a firm and well ...tabliſhed Houſe, victorious Ar... ...nſel ...edient People, a quiet State. Briefly, a word, SIR, that he be continually You by the right hand, guide You by his Counſel, ...ceive You into his Glory. *Amen*, SIR, *Amen*,

Pſal. 17. 8.
Iſa. 49. 16.
Cant. 8. 6.
Pſal. 71. 18.
Pſal. 61. 8.
Pſal. 91. 4.
Pſal. 132. 18.
Pſal. 21. 4.
Pſal. ... 16.
Pſal. 72. 2...

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